

## OPINION 1756

### ANTHRIBIDAE Billberg, 1820 (Insecta, Coleoptera): given precedence over CHORAGIDAE Kirby, 1819

#### Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers family-group names based on *Anthribus* Geoffroy, 1762 are hereby given precedence over those based on *Choragus* Kirby, 1819.

(2) The name *Choragus* Kirby, 1819 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Choragus sheppardi* Kirby, 1819, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *sheppardi* Kirby, 1819, as published in the binomen *Choragus sheppardi* (specific name of the type species of *Choragus* Kirby, 1819), is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(4) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology:

- (a) ANTHRIBIDAE Billberg, 1820 (type genus *Anthribus* Geoffroy, 1762), with the endorsement that it and other family-group names based on *Anthribus* are to be given precedence over those based on *Choragus* Kirby, 1819;
- (b) CHORAGIDAE Kirby, 1819 (type genus *Choragus* Kirby, 1819), with the endorsement that it and other family-group names based on *Choragus* are not to be given priority over those based on *Anthribus* Geoffroy, 1762.

#### History of Case 2795

An application for the conservation of the family-group name ANTHRIBIDAE Billberg, 1820 by giving it precedence over CHORAGIDAE Kirby, 1819 was received from Dr Hans Silfverberg (*Universitetets Zoologiska Museum, Helsingfors, Finland*) on 18 October 1990. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 49: 194-195 (September 1992). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

A comment in support from Drs Beverley A. Holloway & Guillermo Kuschel (*Mt. Roskill, Auckland, New Zealand*) was published in BZN 50: 57 (March 1993).

It was noted on the voting paper that 10 of the 11 representative works held by the Commission Secretariat (para. 3 of the application) which demonstrate usage of the name ANTHRIBIDAE were published no earlier than 1960.

Proposals to place on Official Lists the name *Anthribus*, the type genus of the family ANTHRIBIDAE, and that of its type species *A. fasciatus* Forster, 1770, were included in Case 2292 which was voted on concurrently by the Commission. Approval of the latter case has allowed *Anthribus* to be attributed to Geoffroy (1762) (see BZN 48: 118, 127 and 129 and Opinion 1754, March 1994). The authorship and date of the generic name were not an issue in the present case.

#### Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1993 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 49: 194-195. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1993 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 25: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Willink

Negative votes — 2: Bouchet and Savage.

No vote was received from Uéno.

Holthuis abstained because the status of *Anthribus* Geoffroy, 1762 was undecided at the time of voting.

### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

ANTHRIBIDAE Billberg, 1820, *Enumeratio insectorum in museo Gust. Joh. Billberg*, p. 39.

CHORAGIDAE Kirby, 1819, *Transactions of the Linnean Society of London*, **12**: 447.

*Choragus* Kirby, 1819, *Transactions of the Linnean Society of London*, **12**: 447.

*sheppardi*, *Choragus*, Kirby, 1819, *Transactions of the Linnean Society of London*, **12**: 448.